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Probably other children, including Richard Clack, who married (1) Anne Hardaway in 1786, and II. Amey Macklin in 1794. This Richard names in his will children Elizabeth Parsons Clack, Frederick Macklin Clack, and other children, whom he does not name. There is a deed recorded in Brunswick County from John Clack and Mary, his wife to Robert Ruffin. Witnesses: William Thornton, John Maclin and William Clack. (8) William, married Betty Twitty under 21. (Marriage bond, 1757.)

In Brunswick County is the marriage bond of Henry Robinson and Mary Clack. Security John Clack and Edward Robinson. September 30, 1770.

THORNTON FAMILY.¹

In QUARTERLY IV., 90, Mr. Stanard quoting the Family Bible, states that William Thornton, Jr., of Gloucester County, had the following sons: (1) William, who died early; (2) *Francis*, born June 7, 1692, and died February 6, 1737. He was vestryman of Petsworth Parish; (3) Seth, born Oct. 13, 1694, vestryman of Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County; (4) *William*, born March 31, 1699. He had a twin in a sister Prudence; (5) John, born April 17, 1701.

In Gloucester County a slab used as a door step at the house of an old gentleman named Henry H. Hibble once covered the grave of 4 William Thornton. It bears the following inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Mr. Wm. Thornton
who married the youngest daughter of Mr. Jno.
Meux, by whom he had eight children, two of
them lyeth on his left hand, the others are as
Follows, Elizabeth, Ann, William, Meux,
Richard and John. He was a loving Husband
a Tender Father and kind Neighbor
He dyed May y^e 3^d., 1745
Aged 46 years.

¹ An extended account of this family by W. G. Stanard appeared in the back numbers of this magazine.

William Thornton married Miss Meux. She was probably Anne Meux, daughter of Richard Meux and Elizabeth Lightfoot, daughter of Major Sherwood Lightfoot of New Kent. (See Meux Family, QUARTERLY XVI.)

They had issue surviving: Elizabeth, Ann, William, living in 1761 when he kept the Ferry at Cappahosic, Meux who married Anne Jones, daughter of Richard Jones and Anne Simmons, Richard and John. Meux Thornton, living in 1787 was probably son of Meux Thornton and Anne Jones.

2. Francis Thornton (born June 7, 1692; ded February 6, 1737), had issue (1) William, and probably (2) John, of North Carolina, who in 1751 sold lands in Brunswick to Sterling Thornton, (3) probably Sterling, living in 1751 in Brunswick County.

William Thornton, son of Francis, married Jane Clack (born January 9, 1721) daughter of James Clack, of Brunswick County and Mary, his wife, and had issue:¹ (1) Francis, died early; (2) James, born July 11, 1743. In 1765 he made a deed in Brunswick County to John Jones, and in 1762 he married Elizabeth Jones (marriage bond at Oxford, Granville County, N. C.) (3) John, born Sept. 13, 1744; (4) Elizabeth, (5) Francis, born January 22, 1747; (6) Mary, (7) William, born April 14, 1751, married Sarah Goodrich, daughter of Edward Goodrich (marriage bond in Brunswick, dated Feb. 16, 1774), (8) Sterling Clack, born Aug. 12, 1753, (9) Reuben, born March 28, 1756; (10) Ann Sterling, (11) Mary, (12) Jane, (13) Peter Presley, whose descendants are given by Mr. Stanard. William Thornton's will was proved in Brunswick Co., Nov. 23, 1790. It names wife Jane and makes sons Francis, Sterling Clack and Peter Presley Thornton executors; he speaks of his surviving children and excepts his son James out of the devise. Sterling Thornton, son of Francis, was probably the first husband of Jane Boswell, who married 2dly John Seawell, and father of Sterling Thornton, who married Anne Cary, of Matthews County, and made his will March 28, 1790. This second Sterling Thornton had a son John, a minor, who survived him, and a brother Francis, who had issue: James,

¹ QUARTERLY, IV., 158.

Elizabeth, Ann and Francis living in 1790. It is probable that Francis Thornton (born June 17, 1692) married a daughter of Rev. James Clack, and hence the name "Sterling" which appears also in the Clack family.

In Stafford County John Thornton made his will Aug. 15, 1788, and codicil Feb. 23, 1789, which was proved April 10, 1789. It names wife, Catherine (she was Catherine Yates, daughter of Rev. Robert Yates) to whom he gives his chariot and four horses; sons Anthony, Benjamin Berryman and Wm. Thornton, the last named in codicil as just born. Directs his property in Gloucester to be sold, and makes "his friend Seth Thornton, of Caroline, John Taliaferro, of Hayes, in King George County, Samuel Triplett and Samuel Love in the County of Loudoun," executors of his will. His widow married Jan., 1781, Dr. Robert Welford.

A Major John Thornton was a vestryman of Blissland parish, New Kent Co., and died in 1730. (Blissland Parish Vestry Book.)

A John Thornton was the fourth husband of Anna Maria Jones, daughter of Rev. Rowland Jones. She died in 1760, and in her will proved in York County, left £400 to her husband John Thornton. This John Thornton was probably the youngest son of William Thornton, Jr.

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DON. STATE PAPERS C. O. 5, 1316. O. 140.

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VIRGINIA, FEBRUARY 11TH, 1712.

"The List of Births and Burials herewith sent is not complete; sundry Parishes having failed to make Returns; for tis a thing so new to the People that neither they care to Register their Births and Burials, nor are the Parish Clerks yet brought into a regular method of transmitting them: but I shall endeavour to send your Lords a more exact account for the next half year."